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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINS, ET, SU
SUBJECT: WOMEN MISSIONARIES IN TESSENAY

1. CONGEN HAS BEEN ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING TWO WOMEN MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE BEEN RESIDING IN TESSENAY. MRS. RUTH BRIDGES (AUSTRALIAN), AGE ABOUT 60, AND MISS VIOLET MCCOMB (BRITISH), AGE ABOUT 40, ARE MEMBERS OF MIDDLE EAST GENERAL MISSION (MEGM). IN EVENING APRIL 2, HEAD OF MEGM IN ASMARA RECEIVED WORD FROM TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICE HERE THAT MRS. BRIDGES HAD TELEPHONED TO SAY THEY WERE BOTH OK. THIS WAS BEFORE ANY KNOWLEDGE IN ASMARA THAT THERE FIGHTING IN TESSENEY. ATTEMPTS TO RETURN TELEPHONE CALL HAVE FAILED, APPARENTLY BECAUSE LINE IS DOWN. MRS. BRIDGES IS IN UNCERTAIN HEALTH, PROBABLY HEART TROUBLE. MEGM HOPES TWO WOMEN HAVE CROSSED BORDER INTO SUDAN.

2. WE KNOW INQUIRIES ARE BEING MADE THROUGH BRITISH CONSULATE/ EMBASSY CHANNELS BUT CONGEN COMMUNICATIONS ARE MORE DIRECT AND HEAD OF MEGM WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO US EMBASSY KHARTOUM CAN OBTAIN, PERHAPS FROM KASSALA.
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